

The most lamentable Tragedie

For no name fits thy nature but thy owne.

Tamora. Give me thy ponyard, you shal know my boyes

Your mothers hand shall right your mothers wrong,

Demet. Stay Madam, heere is more belongs to her,

First thrash the corne, then after burne the straw:

This minion flood vpon her chastity,

Vpon her Nuptiall vow, her loyaltie.

And with that painted hope, braues your mightines,

And shall she carry this vnto her graue?

Chiron. And if she doe, I would I were an Euenuke,

Drag hence her husband to some secrethole,

And make his dead trunk pillow to our lust.

Tamora. But when ye haue the honny we desire,
Let not this waspe out-lie vs both to sting.

Chiron. I warrant you Madam we will make that sure,

Come mistress, now perforce we will enjoy,

That nice preserved honestie of yours.

Lavinia. Oh *Tamora*, thou bearest a womans face,

Tamora. I will not heare her speake, away with her.

Lavinia. Sweet Lords intreat her heare me but a word.

Demet. Listen faire Madam, let it be your glory

To see her teares, but be your hart to them

As vnrelenting flint to drops of raine.

Lavinia. When did the Tigers young ones teach the dam?

O doe not learne her wrath, she taught it thee,

The milke thou suckst from her did turne to Marble,

Euen at thy teat thou hadst thy tyranny,

Yet euery Mother breeds not sonnes alike,

Do thou intreat her shew a woman pittie. (bastard)

Chiron. What wouldst thou haue me proue my selfe a

Lavinia. Tis true, the Rauens doth not hatch a Larke,

Yet haue I heard, Oh could I finde it now,

The Lion moued with pittie, did indure

To haue his princely pawes parde all away.

Some

of Titus Andronicus.

Some say that Rauens foster forlorne children,

The whilst their owne birds famish in their nests:

Oh be to me though thy hard hart say no,

Nothing so kinde but something pittifull.

Tamora. I know not what it meanes, away with her,

Lavinia. Oh let me teach thee for my fathers sake,

That gaue thee life when well he might haue slaine thee,

Be not obdurate, open thy deafe eares.

Tamora. Hadst thou in person nere offended me,

Euen for his sake am I pittilesse.

Remember boyes I powrd forth teares in vaine,

To saue your brother from the sacrifice,

But fierce *Andronicus* would not relent,

Therefore away with her, and vse her as you will,

The worse to her, the better lou'd of me.

Lavinia. Oh *Tamora* be call'd a gentle Queene,

And with thine owne hands kill me in this place,

For tis not life that I haue begd so long,

Poore I was slaine when *Bassianus* dide.

Tamora. What Begst thou then? fond woman let me goe?

Lavinia. Tis present death I beg, and one thing more,

That womanhood denies my tongue to tell,

Oh keepe me from their worse then killing lust,

And tumble me into some loathsome pit,

Where neuer mans eye may behold my body,

Doethis and be a charitable murderer.

Tamora. So should I rob my sweet sonnes of their see,

No, let them satisfie their lust on thee.

Demet. Away, for thou hast staid vs heere too long.

Lavinia. No grace, no womanhood, ah beastly creature,

The blot and enemy to our generall name,

Confusion fall — (husband)

Chiron. Nay then Ile stop your mouth, bring thou her

This is the hole where *Aron* bid vs hide him.

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